**Texas Explorers**

**Newscast Assignment**

1. **With your partner, answer the questions below about the topic you were assigned.**
2. **On your own paper, write a 30-45 second newscast story explaining your topic and how it impacted Texas. *(should be less than 150 words)***
3. **Find images to use with your broadcast.**
4. **Record your broadcast using iMovie. Each partner should introduce him/herself and record approximately half the news story.**

**Example**:

*Robert LaSalle, a French Explorer was sent by King Loius XIV to explore the Mississippi River from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico in the late 1600s. He was the first European voyager to explore and establish fur trade routes along the river. On his next expedition he mistakenly landed in Matagorda Bay, near present day Houston where one of his ships wrecked. LaSalle’s men shot the Indians who took supplies from their wrecked ship.*

*LaSalle’s men built Fort St. Louis at the mouth of the Lavaca River. Most of the men in his expedition died. After a few months, his remaining men shot and killed LaSalle in a mutiny and left his body for animals to eat!*

*When the Spanish learned LaSalle tried to establish a French colony in Texas, Spanish officials realized they needed to colonize Texas or lose the land to other countries.*

**Answer these questions in your newscast:**

1. **Who** was involved?
2. Explain **what** happened.
3. **When** did it occur?



1. **Where** did the events take place?
2. **Why/How** did this event occur?
3. How did it impact **Texas**?



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| **5 Ws and H**  **(Who, what, when where, why/how)** | Newscast thoroughly answers all 5 Ws and H in a clear summary. | Newscast answers most 5 Ws and H in a summary. | Newscast answers some 5 Ws and H. | Broadcast answers few 5 Ws and H. |
| **Historical Accuracy** | All historical information is accurate. | Almost all of the historical information is accurate. Only minor errors. | Several historical errors. | Very little of the historical information is accurate. |
| **Use of voice/narration** | Consistent in presentation; pronounces correctly & speaks clearly in a conversational style. | Consistent in presentation; speaks in conversational style. | Some consistency in presentation; lapses from conversational style to monologue or speaks too quickly. | Little consistency in presentation; always speaks to quickly or in monologue. |
| **Visual Attractiveness** | Makes excellent use of images, font, color, graphics, effects, etc. to enhance the presentation. | Makes good use of images, font, color, graphics, effects, etc. to enhance to presentation. | Makes use of images, font, color, graphics, effects, etc. but occasionally these detract from the presentation content. | Uses font, color, graphics, effects etc. but these often distract from the presentation content. |
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